REMARKS

Claims 1-55 are now pending in the application. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action and are believed to place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

DRAWINGS

The Examiner indicates that the drawings received September 29, 2003, are not entered into the Record, as the replacement sheet of drawings is not identified as a "Replacement Sheet." Applicants submit herewith Figure 9, as submitted on September 29, 2003, and have designated the replacement sheet in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.84(c). Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the replacement sheet into the Record.

SPECIFICATION

Applicants submit herewith an amended specification including the changes made to the specification by the Certificate of Correction filed February 11, 2001. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the amended specification into the Record.

REISSUE DECLARATION

Claims 1-55 stand rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 USC § 251. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the reissue oath/declaration filed with the subject application is defective under 37 CFR § 1.175 and MPEP § 1414 for

failing to identify the mailing address of each inventor. This rejection is respectfully

traversed.

Applicants submit herewith a Supplemental Reissue Oath/Declaration under 37

CFR § 1.175(b)(1), which identifies the mailing address of each inventor and includes the

requisite language outlined at MPEP § 1414.01. Because the Reissue Supplemental

Oath/Declaration submitted herewith identifies the mailing address of each inventor and

includes the suggested language of MPEP § 1414.01, Applicants respectfully submit that

Claims 1-55 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of

the rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly

traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request

that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is

believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office

Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and

favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner

believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the

Respectfully submitted.

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